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REMARKS

Status of Claims

Claims 1-6 were originally presented. Claims 2, 5 are cancelled.
Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 remain in this application.

Action With Respect To Prior Art

Claims 1-6 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 on reference to Favorito.

A reference patent is effective as of its filing date in the United States (35 USC 102e; see also MPEP §715.01). The Favorito patent was filed 04/09/2003. The applicant's effective filing date is 01/27/2003. Accordingly, Favorito is not a competent reference against this application, and the rejections based on Favorito should be withdrawn.

Claims 2, 5 are further rejected on reference to Favorito, in view of Hall. Hall is cited for its showing of matte black bodies (old tires) used as artificial reef components. Claims 2, 5, which relate to this detail, are cancelled by this amendment.

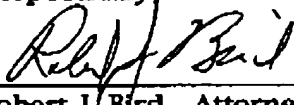
Additional prior art of record was not applied and does not call for specific comment.

Conclusion

The foregoing amendment is thought to be fully responsive to the Office Action. It appears therefore that this application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to render such action. If any questions remain, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned to resolve them.

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